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THE SITUATION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI

Argentina, Canada, Chile, France, Haiti and Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti",

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, as well as those adopted on the question by the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions adopted on the question by the Organization of American States,

Reaffirming that the goal of the international community remains the full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the promotion of social and economic development in Haiti,

Paying tribute to the Haitian people in their ongoing quest for a strong and lasting democracy, justice and economic prosperity,

Reaffirming also its support to the people and the Government of Haiti and for their efforts to advance democracy, respect for human rights and the reconstruction of Haiti,

Strongly supporting the continuing leadership of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in the efforts of the international community in furthering political progress in Haiti,

Welcoming the renewal of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti and the contributions of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his staff,

Welcoming also the continued efforts by States to provide humanitarian assistance and technical cooperation to the people of Haiti,

Supporting fully the contribution of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, its Executive Director and staff, and of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti in the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the full observance of human rights and the full restoration of the constitutional democracy of Haiti, and encouraging the International Civilian Mission to continue to cooperate with the United Nations Support Mission and others participating in institution-building, including police training activities,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 2 December 1996 on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti, and the request of 30 November 1996 from the President of the Republic of Haiti to the Secretary-General of the United Nations contained in the annex thereto,[1]

Welcoming the continuing improvement in the situation of human rights in Haiti, and noting the policy statements by Haitian authorities that the Government of Haiti remains committed to upholding human rights and improving accountability,

1. Welcomes the recommendation of the Secretary-General contained in his report to renew the mandate of the joint participation of the United Nations with the Organization of American States in the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, with the tasks of:

(a) Verifying full observance by Haiti of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(b) Providing technical assistance at the request of the Government of Haiti in the field of institution-building, such as the training of the police or the establishment of an impartial judiciary;

(c) Supporting the development of a programme for the promotion and protection of human rights, in order to further the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the consolidation of long-term constitutional democracy in Haiti and to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions;

2. Decides to authorize, on the basis of the above recommendation, the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations component of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti until 31 July 1997, according to the terms of reference and modalities under which the Mission is operating, with the

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[1] A/51/703.

possibility of a further decision to renew the Mission until 31 December 1997, based upon the report of the Secretary-General mentioned in paragraph 3 below;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly regular reports on the implementation of the present resolution, including a report to be submitted not later than 30 June 1997 on the mandate and further extension of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, taking into consideration the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General to be submitted to the Security Council by 31 March 1997 on the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti;

4. Reaffirms once again the commitment of the international community to continue its technical, economic and financial cooperation with Haiti in support of its economic and social development efforts and in order to strengthen Haitian institutions responsible for dispensing justice and guaranteeing democracy, respect for human rights, political stability and economic development;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations system in providing humanitarian aid and contributing to the development of Haiti;

6. Decides to keep the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti" under review at its fifty-first session.

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REPORT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Colombia*: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/233 of 17 August 1993 and 48/264 of 29 July 1994 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly,

Reiterating the importance of the objectives and principles relevant to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly as set out in resolutions 47/233 and 48/264,

Reaffirming the need to improve the reporting procedures of the Security Council,

Bearing in mind the ongoing work of the Open-ended Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System and the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council,

Taking note of the ongoing efforts of the Security Council to enhance the transparency of its working methods,

1. Stresses the importance of enhanced interaction and an effective relationship between the General Assembly and other principal organs, in particular the Security Council, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations;

* On behalf of the States Members that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

2. Takes note of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session,[1] as well as the views expressed thereon in the course of the Assembly's consideration of the report;

3. Encourages the Council, in the submission of its reports to the Assembly, to provide, in a timely manner, a substantive, analytical and material account of its work;

4. Calls upon the Security Council to adopt the following measures, inter alia, in connection with the content of its future reports to the General Assembly;

(a) To include, as appropriate, information on the consultations of the whole undertaken prior to action or deliberation by the Council on issues within its mandate and on the process leading to such action;

(b) To include the decisions, recommendations or progress of work of the subsidiary organs of the Security Council, in particular the sanctions committees;

(c) To highlight the extent to which resolutions of the General Assembly on issues falling within the scope of the General Assembly and the Security Council have been taken into account by the Council in its decision-making;

(d) To strengthen further the section in the report on the steps taken by the Council to improve its working methods;

(e) To include information on requests received under Article 50 of the Charter and actions taken by the Council thereon;

5. Encourages the Security Council to provide special reports in accordance with Articles 15 and 24 of the Charter;

6. Requests that the annual report of the Security Council be made available before the beginning of the general debate of the General Assembly;

7. Requests the President of the General Assembly to raise with the President of the Security Council during their monthly informal meeting, and when deemed appropriate, the matters covered by the present resolution and to report to the Assembly on the steps taken by the Security Council in this regard;

8. Invites the Security Council, through an appropriate procedure or mechanism, to update the General Assembly on a regular basis on the steps it has taken or is contemplating with respect to improving its reporting to the Assembly.

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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

Austria: draft decision

Emergency assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of Burundi

The General Assembly decides to defer, until its resumed fifty-first session, consideration of the draft resolution contained in document A/51/L.48 entitled "Emergency assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of Burundi".

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APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Canada, Congo, Mexico, Mongolia and Poland: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered the recommendation contained in Security Council resolution 1090 (1996) of 13 December 1996,[1]

Appoints Mr. Kofi Annan Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office beginning on 1 January 1997 and ending on 31 December 2001.

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Canada, Congo, Mexico, Mongolia and Poland: draft resolution

Tribute to Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali

The General Assembly,

Welcoming Security Council resolution 1091 (1996) of 13 December 1996,

Acknowledging with deep gratitude the indefatigable efforts and dedicated service provided to the Organization during the past five years by Secretary-General Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali,

Recognizing the high professional and personal qualities he brought to the performance of his duties and responsibilities,

1. Places on special record the many achievements - political, diplomatic, organizational, as well as reforms - of Secretary-General Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali in leading the Organization during a period of profound change in international relations;

2. Appreciates deeply the contributions of Secretary-General Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali to international peace and security and development, his services in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all and his commitment towards a just and peaceful world.

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